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| David Chown | Group Art Unit: | 2613 |
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REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 CFR §1.26(a)

October 27, 2008

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a refund under 37 CFR §1.26(a) in the amount of \$360.00 for an extension of time fee that was charged in an incorrect amount to Deposit Account Number 50-3718 on October 20, 2008. The reasons for requesting the refund are set forth below in detail in the Remarks section. Please credit the requested refund to Deposit Account Number 50-3718, which is the same account from which the fees were debited on October 20, 2008.

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REMARKS

On October 20, 2008, the undersigned attorney of record filed a Request for Continued Examination with a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time. The requisite fee of \$490.00 for a Two-Month Extension of Time was charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3718.

On October 21, 2008, it was discovered that the undersigned attorney of record erroneously applied 37 CFR 1.17a, which states that the appropriate extension fee is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office Action; or (2) on the mailing date of the Advisory Action, or the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. The USPTO mailed a final Office Action on June 20, 2008. Applicant submitted a Response on August 8, 2008, within the two-month period for reply to a final rejection. The USPTO mailed an Advisory Action on August 28, 2008. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.17a, the appropriate extension of time, as indicated above is determined by the date set forth in the final Office Action. Specifically, a response to the final Office Action was due on September 20, 2008. Thus, the Request for Continued Examination, filed on October 20, 2008, required a one-month extension of time, not the Two-Month Extension of Time as indicated on the Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the \$360.00 difference in the required fee for a Two-Month Extension of Time (\$490.00) and a One-Month Extension of Time (\$130.00) be refunded to Deposit Account No. 50-3718. Should the Office have any questions regarding the Applicant's request, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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